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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	09/964,999	ABDELHADI ET AL.
	Examiner Ramy M. Osman	Art Unit 2157

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2005.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. This communication is in response to amendment filed on March 17, 2005, where applicant amended claims 1-3,6,7,11-13 and 15-20. Claims 1-20 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 3,8,13 and 18 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Applicant includes a step of "investigating" in the claim. However, one cannot determine the scope of this claim because it is not known what is being investigated (meaning what is being looked for, in that investigation). The details of "investigating" have not been disclosed in the specification, and it would therefore require undue experimentation for one of ordinary skill in the art to determine how to make or use the invention. These claims are thus not enabled by the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. **Claims 1,3-6,8-11,13-16 and 18-20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being**

anticipated by Meyer (US Patent No 6,701,364).

6. In reference to claims 1,6,11 and 16, Meyer teaches a method, a computer program, an apparatus and a system respectively for executing remote commands on remote computer systems comprising steps of:

entering a remote command in local a command interface, said command to be executed by said computer systems (column 4 lines 20-60);
automatically determining each of said computer systems accessibility (column 5 line 50 – column 6 line 15); and

dispatching said command only to the computer systems that are determined to be accessible (column 7 lines 7-17 & 25-55).

7. In reference to claims 3,8,13 and 18, Meyer teaches the method, apparatus, computer system and apparatus of claims 2,7,12 and 17 respectively, further including the step of investigating any one the computer system inaccessibility before said step of dispatching said command (column 5 lines 50-65, column 6 lines 55-65 and column 7 lines 7-17 & 25-55).

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8. In reference to claims 4,9,14 and 19, Meyer teaches the method, apparatus, computer system and apparatus of claim 3,8,13 and 18 wherein if a computer systems fails execute the command successfully, the reason for the failure automatically investigated and corrected (column 6 lines 30-50 and column 9 lines 30-67).

9. In reference to claims 5,10,15 and 20, Meyer teaches the method, apparatus, computer system and apparatus of claim 4,9,14 and 19 further including the step of automatically re-dispatching the command for execution computer system that failed to execute the command successfully and was corrected (column 1 lines 40-60 and column 9 lines 20-67).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

10. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

11. **Claims 2,7,12 and 17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyer (US Patent No 6,701,364) in view of Johnson et al (US Patent No 6,397,245).**

Meyer teaches the method, apparatus, computer system and apparatus, claims 1,6,11 and 16 respectively. Although Meyers teaches listening and checking for accessibility (column 5 lines 50-65 and column 6 lines 55-65), Meyer fails to explicitly teach wherein the step of automatically determining computer systems accessibility includes the step of pinging each of said computer systems. However, Johnson teaches evaluating computer operation over a

network. Johnson discloses that “pinging” is well known in the art to determine accessibility of a device (column 1 lines 50-60 and column 7 lines 15-35).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Meyer by automatically determining computer systems accessibility includes the step of pinging each of said computer systems as per the teachings of Johnson for the purpose of determining accessibility of each of the network entities.

Response to Arguments

12. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

13. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ramy M. Osman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4008. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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